

## 'Town Meeting' Picks R. W. Cox In Arlington

FCC Budget Officer Will Run for County Board as Independent

Robert W. Cox, 34, budget officer of the Federal Communications Commission, last night was selected by an Arlington "town meeting" as candidate for the County Board in the November 1 general election.

Mr. Cox was chosen over two other aspirants at a meeting at the Thomas Jefferson Junior High School. About 350 persons attended the gathering sponsored by representatives of several Arlington organizations.

With the nomination, Mr. Cox becomes the standard-bearer for the organized independents of the county to oppose the incumbent, Basil M. DeLashmutt, Democrat for a four-year term on the county governing body.

Mr. Cox, an active civic worker, received 205 votes to 40 for Miss Margaret E. Martin, an economist with the Budget Bureau, and 27 for H. Herbert Howe, a mathematician with the Coast and Geodetic Survey. A group of civics students from Washington-Lee High School, under Miss Sally B. Loving, instructor, acted as tellers.

**Native of Virginia.**  
A native Virginian, Mr. Cox has lived in Arlington since 1934. He is married and has three children, one old enough to attend school. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Syracuse University.

Mr. Cox was an administrative intern in the New York State Budget Division, Albany, for a year, and from 1940 to last December was a budget examiner with the Budget Bureau.

In the Arlington Civic Federation, Mr. Cox is chairman of the Committee on Revenues and Expenditures of the County Government and a member of the Executive Committee. He also is vice president of the Columbia Pike Citizens' Association and of the Arlington Tuberculosis Association. He is an Episcopalian.

In a speech, Mr. Cox declared "machine rule in Arlington is on the run" and predicted that "machine leaders have many sleepless nights ahead."

**Opposes Needless Taxes.**  
Referring to a charge by Mr. DeLashmutt that certain groups were in favor of high taxes, Mr. Cox asserted:

"I am not for high taxes and I am sure people will see through that political smokescreen. I want to pay not one cent more than is absolutely necessary to provide those governmental services and facilities that people need, need and can pay for."

Without mentioning him by name, Mr. Cox again referred to Mr. DeLashmutt, an engineer and apartment owner, when he said: "I think it is poor public policy to have on the County Board any person whose fortune and income are based largely on the physical development of this county."

**Sponsors of Meeting.**  
Mr. Cox said the people of Arlington are demanding good government but are not getting it. They will not get it, he charged, "as long as representatives of the machine control the County Board."

The meeting was sponsored by representatives of the Civic Federation, the County Council of Parents and Teachers, the Citizens' Committee for School Improvement, the Home Protective Association, the Better Government League and the Arlington Branch, American Association of University Women. T. Oscar Smith acted as moderator.

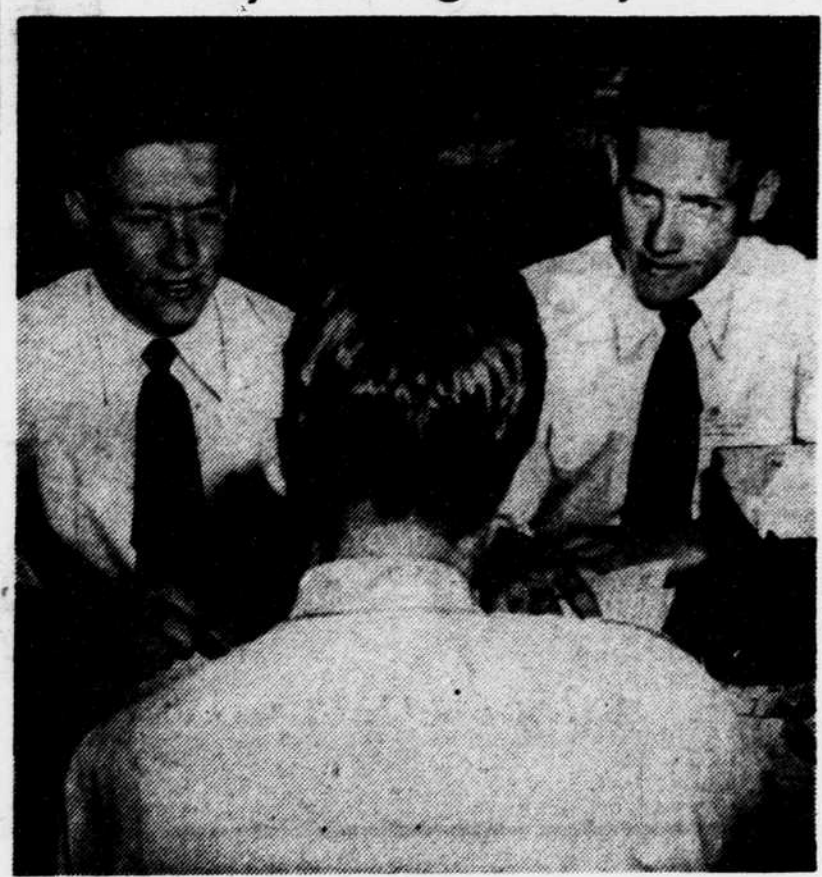
**Future Teachers Meeting Called Tonight in Rockville**

The first Montgomery County meeting of the Future Teachers of America will be held at 8 o'clock tonight at Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville.

Dr. Wilbur Devillish, State supervisor of high schools, will be the principal speaker.

County Education Association date had been passed by the board "as a single motion." He said, however, it is "impossible to pay a salary without strings attached."

## Twins' 4-H Club Work Pays Their Way Through Maryland U.



Sandy (left) and Bill Blackhall, 18, of Faulkner, Md., sign in for the National 4-H Club Camp now being held here. Headquarters is the Raleigh Hotel.

Bill and Sandy Blackhall, 18, are identical twins and juniors at Maryland University.

They have worked on a farm near Faulkner, Md., for 12 years, raised beef cattle for seven years and made more than enough money to send themselves to the university for four years of animal husbandry.

Here for the National 4-H Club Camp which convened yesterday at the Raleigh Hotel and will continue until Wednesday, the twins, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Blackwell of Faulkner, hope to have their own farm before long and go back to raising baby beef.

Sandy, whose real name is Alexander, like his father's, is president of the university campus 4-H Club. Bill says their mother can't tell them apart. Dad knows them a little better, he said.

**Teachers' Protests Against Workshop Studied in Arlington**

Arlington County school authorities today were studying protests by a group of 175 public school teachers against being required to return to the schools August 29 for a five-day "professional improvement workshop."

In an "emergency session" last night with School Board Chairman Barnard Joy and several school administrative officers, the teachers asked the board to defer opening the preschool planning program until September 6, "at the earliest" without scheduling additional classroom days next June.

There are about 400 classroom teachers in county public schools. The resolution opposing the "early return" to school, adopted almost unanimously by a voice vote, came after Mr. Joy pointed out that because of salary increases granted most teachers in next year's contracts "it was felt there should be a slight increase in service."

**Contract Stipulation Cited.**  
Teachers contended the August 29 date would interfere with "professional improvement" programs of their own and with summer jobs to supplement teacher salaries. Several expressed the view that the preschool sessions were "unprofitable" in any case.

The School Board chairman told the group next year's contracts stipulate a nine-and-one-quarter-month classroom year, in place of the nine-and-one-half-month schedule this year. Teachers with bachelor degrees and with two years' experience in county schools will get a \$100 annual increase under this proposal.

Several teachers wanted to know whether "travel in Europe or Mexico" or work on a newspaper would be considered "professional improvement" by the board. Mr. Joy said exceptions would be made in certain cases.

**Warnings of Pay Deductions.**  
He pointed out, however, there would be "appropriate deductions" in teachers' pay for missing the preschool class without a reasonable excuse.

Teachers complained that it was "bad psychology" for the board to announce salary increases "with no strings attached" before making public its plan for the August 29 planning sessions.

Mr. Joy replied that the pay increases and August 29 opening date had been passed by the board "as a single motion." He said, however, it is "impossible to pay a salary without strings attached."

**Junior Civic League Elects Falls Church Student**

Donald Ellsworth Glover, 16, a Falls Church High School junior, has been elected mayor of the Junior Civic League. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Glover, 539 Great Falls street.

Ballooting for 10 council seats resulted in election of eight of the 16 candidates, and the votes for two seats. Date of a run-off election will be announced later.

Elected were Kitty Sue Lee, Betty Groah, Alice Knight, Bill May, Pat Schaus, Skip Power, Tanya Bruskin and Bob McIntire. Candidates who tied were: June Tunison, Delores Baroffio, Herron Werth and Ken Wiersma.

## D. C. Financing Plan Studied To Save Sesqui

House Rejection of 2 Million Advance Threatens Fair

House refusal to advance \$2,000,000 for the congressional celebration of the 150th anniversary of the National Capital apparently has killed the "Freedom Fair."

One or more substitute financial plans, designed to rescue the program, are under study, but sponsors of the program are dismayed and disillusioned.

As a result of a vote by the House yesterday against the appropriation, Chairman McGrath of the Senate District Committee, a member of the Sesquicentennial Commission, is considering a plan to make the Freedom Fair a District Government affair. Under this, the city itself would advance the \$2,000,000 and expect to get it back from operation of the city's sales tax next year.

**Consideration Promised.**  
Various city and sesquicentennial officials promised to consider this plan, calling it "interesting" and "something to be considered." There was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, however.

Carter T. Barron, executive vice chairman of the Sesquicentennial Commission, who has been working on the plan for a year without compensation, said the twice-repeated House refusal of funds "leaves us without a program—and there can be no real program without funds."

Mr. Barron said that unless something unexpected happens "we will have to start all over again or else dissolve the commission."

President Truman is the executive head of the commission. Other members include Speaker Sam Rayburn of the House, Chairman McMillan of the House District Committee, Senator McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee, President pro tem of the Senate; Senator Holland, Democrat, of Florida; Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Republican, of Maine; Senator McGrath and Commissioner John Russell Young.

**In Second Deficiency Bill.**  
Mr. Young said he would discuss Senator McGrath's suggestion for District financing of the fair with the other Commissioners.

The proposed \$2,000,000 advance for the sesqui celebration was involved in the second deficiency appropriation bill which has been tied up for weeks by House-Senate disagreement.

In view of the House action yesterday, Senator McGrath said he could not ask that the Senate insist on its proposal for the \$2,000,000 sesqui fund. This, he noted, might jeopardize passage of the bill, which carries funds for pay for various Government agency staffs and other urgent items.

He said, however, he did not think the door "finally was closed" to possible use of Federal funds to finance the fair.

The Senate was expected to take up the conference report on the deficiency bill some time today. Sesquicentennial Commission spokesmen already have declared it would be impossible for the District to conduct a public campaign for funds to underwrite the national celebration as now planned.

**Ober Law Foes Force Test by Referendum**

By the Associated Press  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 16.—Enthusiastic Marylanders' new anti-Roe act have been registered to force the law to a referendum next year.

The courts have yet to answer a claim by some of the same foes that enforcement of the act must be withdrawn pending the people's vote.

Kay Lutz, executive secretary of the Citizens Committee Against the Ober Law, delivered referendum petitions purportedly bearing 4,488 names to the secretary of State's office yesterday.

Added to those previously filed, they raised to 12,949 the number the committee declares have signed petitions to demand a referendum at the November, 1950, general election.

To force a referendum, the State constitution requires that petitions bear at least 10,000 names, at least half of which must be of county residents. All filed by June 30.

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Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan ordered the Government to pay that amount to insurers of the plane, which was wrecked by a 16-year-old boy attempting to steal it.

Leroy S. Bendheim, attorney for the plaintiff, the Insurance Co. of North America, said the plane was parked at the airport July 6, 1946, by a pilot for the owner, John A. Victor, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y.



BABY BEAUTIES—Miss Washington, junior grade, strikes a becoming pose while Master Washington, right, makes good use of his winning cup by pouring his bottle into it. The children, Susan Woltz, 2½, of 4801 South Dakota avenue N.E., and Damian Russin, 1½, of 9706 Lorain avenue, Silver Spring, took top honors in a field of 700 child entries in the contest sponsored by the Women of the Moose. Final judging was held at the Virginia Theater, Alexandria, last night.

## Chillum Zoning Shift Again Defeated On Apartment Project

Residents of the Chillum, Md., area, for the second time in six months, were successful yesterday in their efforts to block a proposed large-scale apartment development at Chillum and Sargent roads.

More than 100 persons, many of whom came by chartered bus, appeared at the County Service Building, Hyattsville, to protest an application by Attorney T. Hammond Welsh, Jr., agent for the 19-acre McChesney tract.

The Prince Georges County commissioners, before whom the hearing was held, voted to reject requests for both apartment and commercial zoning at the nearby Maryland intersection after listening to arguments for more than an hour.

**Tie Vote in First Try.**  
Last December, the commissioners ended in a 2-2 tie after Commissioner T. Hammond Welsh, Jr., the applicant's father, withdrew from participation. Yesterday, the elder Mr. Welsh did not withdraw, but instead took over chairmanship of the board from Commissioner Harry W. McNamee, board president. Commissioners John H. Beall and Norman H. Collins were absent, leaving Commissioner D. Leonard Dyer as the third member of the board.

The opposition was led by William H. Cusick and Donald Bellman, officials of the Chillum Civic Association, and Walter F. Villiger, president of the county's Civic Federation.

The group contended schools already are overcrowded in the area and could not stand the additional burden caused by the construction of new apartments. They also objected to apartments in general, asserting that "people who have a real interest in Prince Georges County are people who are going to build homes."

**Sees Schools Relieved.**  
Mr. Welsh, Jr., said the school situation soon would be relieved due to new construction planned for that area. He pointed out that 13 new classrooms within a 2½-mile area would be provided by next September and an additional 74 within the next year or so by the construction of two new elementary schools and a new high school.

The attorney also told the commissioners the county would have collected an estimated \$42,500 annually through taxation of the property.

In other business, the commissioners approved one request for apartment zoning five for commercial use and one for two-family dwelling classification. Also rejected were three requests for commercial zoning, one for apartments and one for two-family dwelling use. Three petitions were continued until July 20 to permit further study of each request, while a fourth one was withdrawn.

**APPROVED.**  
Henry W. Jones, residential A to commercial D, of nearly 15 acres on Silver Hill road, near Branch avenue, Silver Hill, Md., was approved.

A commercial D, of the Gregory tract on Roosevelt avenue, just west of the West Pleasant Elementary School, West Pleasant, Md., was approved.

A residential B for two-family dwelling use, of property at Central avenue and Hill road, near Pleasant avenue, Hyattsville, Md., was approved.

A commercial D, of one lot on Crittenden street, near Rhode Island avenue, Hyattsville, Md., was approved.

An Woodner contract purchaser, residential A to residential C for apartment use, of about three acres, at Chillumville road and University lane, University Hills, Md., was approved.

A request for street improvements in Special Election District No. 38, Pinecrest, Md., was approved.

Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department, Memorial Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, permission to hold a carnival June 20-25, at River and Manor roads, near West Hyattsville, Md., was approved.

James C. Moore, owner, residential A to commercial D, of four lots at Sherbrooke and George Palmer highways, Fairmount, Md., was approved.

John R. Conrad, owner, residential A to commercial D, of one lot on Fifteenth street, near Fifteenth street, Hyattsville, Md., was approved.

## Gun Victim's Death Certified as Accident; Marriage Revealed

A certificate of accidental death has been issued in the case of John R. Transue, 20, of 3919 McKinley street N.W., who shot himself in the head yesterday while parked near the Congressional Country Club in Montgomery County.

County detectives said Mr. Transue was a victim of Russian roulette. They said he died in the presence of a teen-age girl as the result of a .38-caliber bullet wound.

The girl is Miss June Marie Joy, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Joy, 3412 Quiescent street N.W., and a junior at Woodrow Wilson High School.

**Married Secretly in December.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Transue, the victim's parents, disclosed today that June and young Transue were married secretly last December 18 in Elliott City, Md. They said the couple never lived together, however, and because of the girl's age, a friendly annulment suit had been filed in District Court.

The parents said the couple believed the annulment decree had been granted. They added young Transue apparently hoped to persuade June to remarry him and, when she refused, he reached for the revolver in the glove compartment of his automobile.

Mr. Transue was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High and formerly worked at the Navy Yard here. Since March he had been a student at the Embury-Riddle Aviation School in Miami, and arrived in Washington yesterday morning for a two-week vacation.

Police said he went to the high school at 11 a.m. and picked up June, then drove into the county. He parked his car on a wooded knoll overlooking the River road entrance to the Congressional Club.

**Was Collector of Guns.**  
The police quoted Miss Joy as saying that when she refused to remarry him, he loaded a single bullet in the revolver, spun and locked the cylinder, then fired. With the odds 5-to-1 in his favor, he lost.

Mr. Transue's family said he made a study of firearms and ballistics and collected guns. They said he planned to sell two 22-caliber rifles found in the back of his automobile after his shooting.

The youth was a member of the National Guard. His father is in the real estate business here and his mother is employed at the Interior Department. Mr. Joy is a used-car dealer in Chillum, Md.

Funeral services for Mr. Transue will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Robert A. Pumphrey funeral home, 7557 Wisconsin avenue, Bethesda. Burial will be in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

**Police Find Arlington Man Shot in Attempted Suicide**

Nelson R. Bohrer, 21, was found shot in the right shoulder in the bedroom of his Arlington home last night and county police quoted him as saying the wounds were self-inflicted.

Mr. Bohrer was admitted to Arlington Hospital where his condition today was reported as fair.

Police Chief Harry L. Woodard said police went to the Bohrer home, 1129 North Utah street, in response to a call. He said the man was found on his bed, a shotgun propped against him. A note, contents of which were not revealed, also was found, Chief Woodard said.

The chief said Mr. Bohrer told them he had had an argument with his father. The wounded man was alone in the room when the shot was fired, Chief Woodard said.

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**Dr. Sexsmith Accepts Bid To Silver Spring Church**

The Rev. Edgar E. Sexsmith, D. D., former minister of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Church and recently pastor at Buckeystown, Md., has accepted the associate ministerial position of the Woodside Methodist Church, 8814 Georgia avenue, Silver Spring.

A reception will be given for Dr. and Mrs. Sexsmith at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the church social hall.

**Parenthood Group Elects**  
Mrs. John Graham Thompson has been elected president of the Montgomery County Planned Parenthood League. Officers announced today.

Dr. Claire A. Christman, vice president; Mrs. W. O. Brombacher, secretary; and Mrs. John R. Brooks, treasurer. Mrs. Evelyn M. Brooks has resigned as social worker for the league. It was announced.

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